Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : I would refer the honourable member to the answer to part (d) wherein it is stated that "as he then paid up the dues up-to-date and promised to be regular in future, the matter was not pursued further".

President : Are Government going to continue him ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : No, Sir, orders have already been passed discontinuing the arrangement.

Printing of Malayalam Copy Books.

37. * **Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have decided that the printing of Malayalam copy books shall be taken up by the Government ; and

(*b*) if so, the date of that decision ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 18th August 1940.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail : May I know whether the period for the contractor to finish the work has been extended ?

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : May I know, Sir, how that question comes as a supplementary question to this ? This is about the date on which Government took up the printing.

President : It is not a supplementary question.

Speech by the Inspector General of Police on the occasion of the unveiling ceremony of the portrait of the late Mr. T. R. Raman Pillai, Deputy Inspector General of Police.

38 * **Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are in possession of the full text of the speech delivered by the Inspector-General of Police on the occasion of the unveiling ceremony of the portrait of the late Mr. T. R. Raman Pillai, Deputy Inspector-General of Police ; and

(*b*) if so, will they be pleased to lay a copy of that speech on the table ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : (*a*) As the speech was ex-tempore a full text of the speech is not available.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) this does not arise.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : May I know whether the Government have got at least a summary of the speech delivered by the Inspector-General ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : Yes, Sir.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : May I know whether there was any declaration of policy of Government in that speech ?

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Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: I do not remember.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: In view of the Government circular that departmental officers are not entitled to make any declaration of policy on behalf of Government, will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Government will look into it.

Construction of bridges and culverts in Central Travancore.

39. ***Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla** (*Mavelikara and Tiruvalla* cum *Pathanamthitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state why no attempts have been made to start the construction of bridges and culverts in the State especially in Central Travancore though provision has been made for them in the budget year after year.

Mr. I. C. Chacko (*Executive Engineer, Trivandrum, in charge of the duties of the Chief Engineer*): All works for which there is budget sanction and estimate provision are invariably taken up for execution during the year itself. But in some cases actual construction is delayed owing to unforeseen circumstances as change in design revision of estimate and delay in land acquisition

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: May I know whether the delay in the execution of works is due to in-efficiency of the subordinates.

Mr. I. C. Chacko: No, Sir.

Amount realised by text book writers and booksellers.

40. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the approximate amount realised by text book writers and booksellers per annum by the sale of text books in the State?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Government have no information in the matter.

Ophthalmic Hospital, Trivandrum.

41. **Mr. James Fletcher**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Ophthalmic Hospital, Trivandrum, is manned by doctors who have special training in eye diseases;

(*b*) if there are doctors not so specialised, the names of such doctors and qualifications;

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